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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 4, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the Japanese patent documents are also enclosed.

The information enclosed with this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Specifically, a Japanese Office Action dated July 11, 2005, was issued in a counterpart Japanese patent application number 2003-324688. A copy of the Japanese Office Action and is also provided. A translation of this document will be provided if so required.

Japanese patent document number 2001-238485 generally corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,538,348 and U.S. patent application publication number 20001/0019229 A1.

Japanese patent document number 2001-22448 generally corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,584,367.

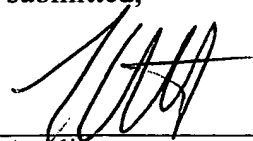
Japanese patent document number 09167792 generally corresponds to U.S. Patent Nos. 5,841,250 and 6,037,680.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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